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THE MULE-GUN.—A correspondent of the Army and Navy Journal claims that the Gatling Camel gun which was illustrated in that paper a few weeks since, is a plagiarism upon an idea of John Phoenix, who tells this story, familiar to Army officers:

"But in a certain Western fort, some time ago, the major conceived the idea that artillery might be used effectively in fighting with the Indians by dispensing with gun-carriages and fastening the cannon upon the backs of mules. So he explained his views to the commandant, and it was determined to try the experiment. A howitzer was selected and strapped upon an ambulance mule, with the muzzle turned toward the target. When the mule had secured the gun, and loaded it with ball cartridge they led that calm and steadfast mule on the bluff and set up a target in the middle of the river to practice at. The rear of the mule was turned toward the target, and he was backed gently up to the edge of the bluff. The officers stood around in a semicircle, while the major went up and inserted a time fuse in the touchhole of the howitzer. When the fuse was ready the major lighted it and retired.

"In a minute or two the hitherto unruffled mule heard the fizzing back there on his neck, and it made him uneasy. He reached his head around to ascertain what was going on, and as he did so his body turned, and the howitzer began to sweep around the horizon. The mule at last became excited, and his curiosity grew more and more intense, and in a second or two he was standing with his four legs in a bunch, making six revolutions a minute, and the howitzer, understanding, threatening sudden death to every man within half a mile. The commandant was observed to climb suddenly up a tree; the lieutenants were seen sliding over the bluff into the river, as if they didn't care at all about the high price of uniforms; the adjutant made good time toward the fort; the sergeant began to throw up breast works with his bayonet, and the Major rolled over the ground and groaned. In two or three minutes there was a puff of smoke, a dull thud, and the mule—oh! where was he! A solitary jackass might have been seen turning successive back summersets over the bluff, only to rest at anchor, finally, with his howitzer, at the bottom of the river, while the bull went off toward the fort, hit the chimney in the major's quarters, rattled the adobe-bricks down into the parlor, and frightened the mule to his wife into convulsions. They do not allude to it now, and no report of the results of the experiment was ever sent to the War Department.

COFFEE.—The New York Bulletin, considering the effect of the repeal of the coffee duty, adduces some important facts bearing on the present and future of the market. It says:

"The stocks in the United States are now all concentrated in the six leading ports; the interior is utterly bare. But, owing to the three cents duty still clinging to the article, neither the second-hand dealers nor the retailers will buy any more than they will two months hence. The wholesale grocers will no doubt endeavor to buy in bond, thinking they can afford to lose interest, storage, &c., in prospect of being able to buy cheaper now than after the first of July. We are now on the eve of the dull season in coffee, and must be prepared to see quiet markets as a normal condition until after midsummer. If, however, the wholesale houses take the hint, thrown out by the European merchants of an inevitably higher ruling of values later on, we may even during the present and next month witness a good deal of animation in the staple in this market."

EIGHT-HOUR LAW.—The Secretary of War has sent to the Senate a reply to the resolution asking for statements relative to the operation of the eight-hour law at the Springfield armory and the Rock Island arsenal. The superintendent of the armory says that he has not sufficient data to fully determine the advantages and disadvantages of the system, but that the saving in coal and gas on short days is \$2,700 a year. The superintendent of the Rock Island arsenal says that the argument for the eight-hour system was that men would do more work in eight than in ten hours, provided they had more time for rest and opportunities for moral and mental improvement. This is not true to a considerable extent. While some of the mechanics avail themselves of the reduction of hours, and improve themselves, other workmen and the laborers are not benefited, they having no fixed hours. He arrives at the conclusion that the effect of the eight-hour system is not so beneficial as many had been led to expect.

A NATURAL BRIDGE IN KENTUCKY.—In Carter county, Kentucky, there is said to be a great curiosity called the 'Natural Bridge,' which well repays a visit to those attracted by strange and sublime scenery. It spans a stream called Little Carry, which falls into Little Sandy river. This bridge is 219 feet in the span, 106 feet high, 12 feet wide, and 5 feet thick in the middle, and 30 feet at the ends, being arched underneath and level on the top. One hundred feet below it there is a cascade with a fall of 75 feet, and two miles distant there is another cascade with a fall of 200 feet. From the bottom of the ravine a spruce pine has grown up to the height of four feet above the bridge, making its entire height 200 feet. The sides of the ravine are so rugged that, were it not for a natural stairway, a person on the top of the bridge wishing to get under it would have to walk two miles.

MAY, in New York, is the month of anniversaries. The annual meeting of the American Tract Society has just taken place there, and the reports presented show the amount of work done to have been immense. The income of the association during the past year has been five hundred and thirty-eight thousand dollars, most of which has been expended in the publication department. The American Universal Peace Union, presided over by a gentleman bearing the very appropriate name of Love, is also in session. So is the Woman's Suffrage Association, and another of apparent-ly a more aggressive spirit, calling itself the National Woman's Suffrage Association. Then there is the American Congregational Union. The American Bible Society, at the same time, holding its fifty-sixth annual meeting, and reports its receipts for the year at about six hundred and ninety thousand dollars.

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H. K. ELLERY,
Administrator.

Parties having claims against the estate aforesaid can present the same to O. C. Whitteley, 132 Duke street.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That application will be made to the Orange, Alexandria and Manassas Railroad Company for the renewal of CERTIFICATE No. 470, (Lynchburg extension) for ten shares of the capital stock of said company, dated January 30th, 1870, in the name of Robert M. Kent—said certificate having been lost or mislaid.

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